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Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH
Testimony Against Raised H.B. No. 6949 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD
VACCINATIONS

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Senator Terry Gerratana, Representative Matt Ritter and members of Public Health Committee.
My name is Sheila Chaglasian. I am a concerned parent and Connecticut resident and I am
writing testimony against HB 6949.

I oppose this proposed bill because it violates parents and guardians' First Amendment rights to
free exercise of their religious beliefs. Parents should not be required to sign an incriminating
statement in order to claim their legal right to a religious exemption. There is the added layer that
they are being asked to sign and notarize a document saying that they understand the medical
risks as dictated by the Department of Health. What does their understanding of the perceived
risk information have to do with their religious beliefs?

Please vote against this bill.

Thank you for your time, consideration and service,
Sheila Chaglasian